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Commissioner Beth Bye
450 Columbus Boulevard
Connecticut Office of Early Childhood
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Commissioner Bye:

Please accept this letter of support for RVNAhealth's RFP application to the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to implement the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program in OEC Region 5. RVNAhealth is a private, nonprofit, Medicare-certified organization that has been providing exceptional home and community healthcare services for over 100 years. NFP is a natural fit for RVNAhealth, which provides well child services for uninsured and underinsured children. I strongly support RVNAhealth establishment of an NFP program.

NFP has over 40 years of evidence-based research showing that the model is effective in improving pregnancy and birth outcomes, healthy child development, and maternal economic self-sufficiency for low-income, first-time mothers and their children. Different from the other evidence-based home visiting programs in the state, NFP employs the use of nurses as home visitors, which help support a mother's clinical care, as well as provide her with a trusted resource she can rely on for advice, from safely caring for her child to taking steps to provide a stable, secure future for them both.

In OEC region 5, the towns of Danbury, Torrington and Waterbury have some of the highest rates of pre-term births, low birthweight, and teenage pregnancies in the state. A program like NFP, which is considered the "gold standard" in home visiting, can help address many of the factors leading to these outcomes.

I strongly support RVNAhealth's RFP application to implement Nurse-Family Partnership in OEC Region 5. I ask that you give this application due consideration. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Sampson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

State Senator Rob Sampson
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